

## ASU Wrestling Sweeps George Mason, 42-0

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In the first-ever meeting between the two teams, Appalachian State wrestling won all ten bouts to complete the sweep of George Mason, 42-0, on Thursday evening at the

GMU Recreation and Athletic Complex. The win gives Appalachian (4-2, 1-0 SoCon) its first Division-I win over a non-conference opponent, while George Mason (2-4, 0-1 Colonial) has now dropped its second straight match.

Senior Tony Gravely (Martinsville, Va./Magna Vista) opened the night with the evening's fastest victory at 125 pounds, using just 2:17 to pin Chris Rodriguez. Gravely's fall gives him a team-high seven pins on the season.

Junior Brett Boston (Morganton, N.C./Freedom) earned his first dual victory of the year with a 21-8 major decision at 133 pounds, and senior Mike Kessler (Bay City, Mich./Western) followed with a 10-4 decision at 141, giving the Apps a 13-0 lead in the match.

Senior Savva Kostis (Boone, N.C./Watauga) had no trouble racking up a 12-1 major decision at 149 pounds, while classmate Chip Powell (Greensboro, N.C./S.W. Guilford) had a more-challenging but no less successful outing with a 6-4 win at 157 pounds.

Coming off his third-place showing at the Southern Scuffle, No. 15 Kyle Blevins (Sapulpa, Okla./Sapulpa) showcased his dominance with a 20-5 tech. fall over DJ Dwyer in the 165-pound bout. Blevins' efforts opened up a 25-0 lead and clinched the match for the Mountaineers with four bouts remaining.

Junior Carter Downs (Jupiter, Fla./Jupiter Christian) shutout Steve Swayze for a 6-0 decision at 174 pounds, while No. 9 Austin Trotman (Winston-Salem, N.C./Mount Tabor) recorded the day's second pin with a 4:30 victory at 184 pounds.

Closing out the match, freshmen Paul Weiss (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas) and Joe Cummings (Valley Cottage, N.Y./Nyack) both added major decisions at the top two weights, concluding the night with Appalachian on top, 42-0.

The Mountaineers look to carry their momentum into next week when they face Cleveland State and Campbell in Buies Creek, N.C. on Monday, Jan. 9 at 3:45 and 7:15, respectively.

**Appalachian State (4-2) 42, George Mason (2-4) 0**  
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- 125: Tony Gravely pinned Chris Rodriguez, 2:17 (ASU 6-0)
- 133: Brett Boston maj. dec. Zachary Isenhour, 21-8 (ASU 10-0)
- 141: Mike Kessler dec. Denny Herndon III, 10-4 (ASU 13-0)
- 149: Savva Kostis maj. dec. Shohei Takagi, 12-1 (ASU 17-0)
- 157: Chip Powell dec. Jaaziah Bethea, 6-4 (ASU 20-0)
- 165: No. 15 Kyle Blevins tech. fall DJ Dwyer, 20-5 (ASU 25-0)
- 174: Carter Downs dec. Steve Swayze, 6-0 (ASU 28-0)
- 184: No. 9 Austin Trotman pinned Alexander Stanley, 4:30 (ASU 34-0)
- 197: Paul Weiss maj. dec. Corey Smith, 13-1 (ASU 38-0)
- 285: Joe Cummings maj. dec. Adam Barnette, 10-2 (ASU 42-0)

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